

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

W. Bel Air Avenue/Bush Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

STATE

Maryland 21001First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Harford

COUNTY

VICINITY OF

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Cornelius J. SmithTelephone #: 939/791

STREET &amp; NUMBER

300 Union Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace, Md. 21078 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, Harford County Court House

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of DeedsLiber #: 680Folio #: 297

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Bwl Air, Md. 21014

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SUPRA 5

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

## RESUME REGISTRY DEEDS:

Deed dated June 26, 1965 by the Maryland Co., Inc. to Cornelius J. Smith and Helen C. Smith, his wife as of deed of same date from Ross H. Clayson and Winfield L. Clayson to the Maryland Co. (680/294)

Deed dated Mar. 17, 1945 (288/123) by Fred Leftwich and Nell Leftwich to Joseph B. Carlisle and Elizabeth D. Carlisle and at death of survivor to R. H. Clayson.

Deed dated July 31, 1943 (278/431) by J.W. Cronin, Atty. in mortgage by Wilton G. James to John H. Smith and sold to Fred Leftwich and Nell L.

Deed dated July 9, 1931 (220/123) by Wilton G. James and Frances C. James to John H. Smith as described July 20, 1922 DGW 178/327 from Etta N. Reichl to Wm. G. James and Frances C. James.

Deed dated July 20, 1922 (178/327) by Etta N. Reichl and Frank Reichl and Melvin C. James, Audrey B. James and Grace James; Russell C. James and A. Maude Peek and Wm. Peek to Wilton G. James & Frances C. James as described in deed Dec. 2, 1914 147/1 from Lemuel C. James to Nora V. James.

Deed dated Dec. 2, 1914 from Lemuel C. James to Nora V. James (Mar. 13, 1914 145/53 from May Cole to Lemuel C. James.)

Deed dated Mar. 13, 1914 from F. May Cole to Lemuel C. James; from Albert E. Andrew to F. May Cole/ from Walter K. Ivins to F. May Cole (Mar. 19, 1909 125/467).

Deed dated Mar 19, 1909 from Albert E. Andrew and Nina Andrew to F. May Cole (125/468) Also as described in deed Sept. 5, 1888 (64/414) from George W. Beard to Sarah J. Jackson.

Deed dated Sept. 8, 1888 (64/414) by George W. Beard to Sarah F. Jackson, wife of Charles Jackson) part of land conveyed by state of Maryland to heirs of late Benet Gilbert.

The old farm house located at Bel Air Ave. and Bush Chapel Rd. is a clapboard, two story frame T-plan house with a gabled end. The main block has 3 bays on the first floor and two bays on the second. It is one bay deep. To the rear is a south projection which is two bays deep and one bay wide. The foundation is stone rubble, which is uncoursed. The chimneys are corbelled. There is a central flue chimney in the main block. The clapboard is secured with cut nails and the windows are two over two. The roof is a modern asphalt one and there are shutters on the windows. The eaves are bracketed with exposed beams. The first floor windows are ceiling to floor, two over four. There is a shed roof porch across the entire north facade, with the east bay enclosed. There are turned columns with scross work bracketing. The floor and ceiling are tongue and groove boarding. There is a central door with a transom and sidelights. There

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1000-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

House has significance for what it is not. While at first glance, it would appear as a typical cross-gabled house, it is really much more. ~~It is a typical cross-gabled house~~ It borrows features from other 19th century styles, most notably the Eastlake style. This would be evidenced in the use of the ornate bay on the east side with curralinear bracketing and pendants. Also the use of the double tiered porch in the ell of the east side was not typical cross-gable. Simplified version of this furniture-like turnings can be found on the front porch. The floor to ceiling windows in the north facade may indicate more wealth and elegance because of the use of larger panes of glass.

The structure is caught somewhere between simple cross-gable and Queen Anne; yet is successful as it is an unpretentious simplified, rather elegant 19th century building.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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"HISTORY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND" by Richard F. Cronin, publ. By-Centennial Comm. Aberdeen, 1976.

"OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, publ. French Bay Printing Co., 1980.

"HARFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN" No. 8, Spring Edition, 1983.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .44 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEE

July 12, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

ABERDEEN, MD. 21001

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

page 2 - 7 - DESCRIPTION:

There are two pedimented and bracketed dormers with pilasters. There are modified fish scale shingles on the sides of the dormers. Three lightning rods, with milk glass balls and a weathervane are on the roof.



Survey # HA-1728

W. Bel Air Ave. and Bush

Chapel Road

Front and Side

South West

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983





Survey # HA-1728

W. Bel Air Ave. and Bush

Chapel Road

Back and Side

North East

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983